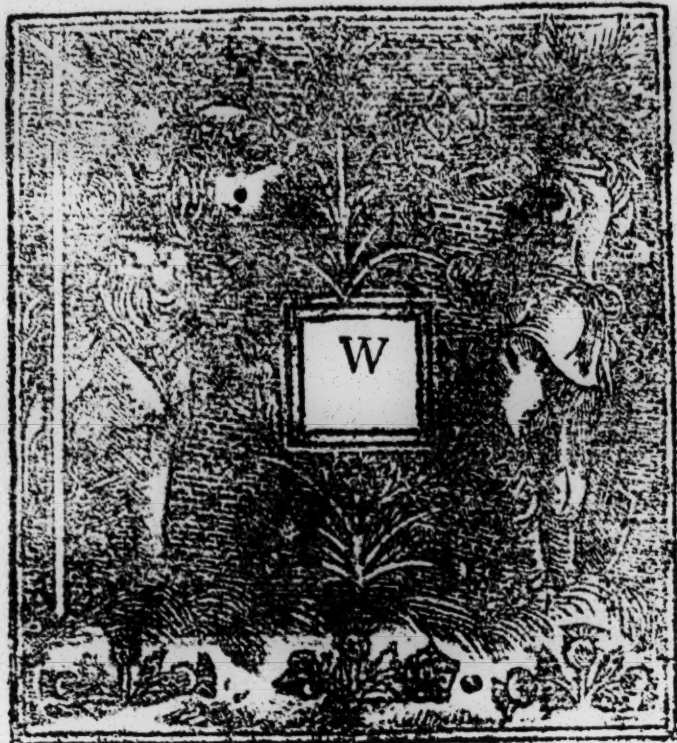


By the King,  
**A PROCLAMATION.**

**WILLIAM R.**



Hereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burghes in Parliament Assembled, Having taken into their serious Consideration, the great Mischiefs which this Our Kingdom lies under, by reason that the Coin, which Passes in Payment, is generally Clipped; And they being of Opinion that the most effectual way to put a Stop to this Evil, is to Prevent the Currency thereof, as soon as We in Our Wisdom should think fit, Have severally by their humble Addresses besought Us to Issue Our Royal Proclamation in that behalf: And We being deeply Sensible

of the great prejudice which Our good Subjects undergo by such Diminution of the Current Coins, and being very desirous to Apply a Speedy and Suitable Remedy thereto Have thought fit to Declare and Command; And by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation Declare and Command, That from and after the First Day of *January* next Ensuing, no Clipped Crowns or Half Crowns shal Pass in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer; And that from and after the Third Day of *February* next Ensuing, no Clipped Crowns or Half Crowns shall Pass in any Payment whatsoever, within Our City of *London*, or within Forty Miles Distance off the same; And that from and after the Two and twentieth Day of the said Month of *February*, no Clipped Crowns or Half-Crowns shal Pass or be Current in any Payment whatsoever, within Our Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*. And We do hereby Declare and Command, That from and after the Thirteenth Day of *February* next, no Piece of Money called Shillings, Clipped within the Ring, shal Pass in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues & Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer, And that from and after the Second Day of *March* next, no such Shillings Clipped within the Ring shall Pass in any Payment whatsoever. And We do also hereby Declare and Command, That from and after the Second Day of *March* next, no other Money whatsoever, Clipped within the Ring, shall Pass in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer; And that from and after the Second Day of *April* next, no such Money Clipped within the Ring, shall Pass in any Payment whatsoever.

*Given at Our Court at Kensington, the Nineteenth Day of December, 1695  
In the Seventh Year of Our Reign;*

*God save the King.*



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